of the Government of the United States by force or violence and accepts employment the salary or wages for which are paid from any appropriation or fund contained in this Act shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: *Provided further*, That the above penalty clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law.

Ratification and confirmation of obligations.

Ante, pp. 738, 869. Ante, p. 973.

Short title.

Sec. 402. All obligations incurred during the period between June 30, 1949, and the date of enactment of any regular annual appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1950, the "Third Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1949", the "Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1950", or the "Second Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1950", in anticipation of the appropriations or authority contained in any such Act are hereby ratified and confirmed if in accordance with the provisions of such Act when enacted into law.

Sec. 403. This Act may be cited as the "Second Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1950".

Approved October 28, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 784]

## AN ACT

October 29, 1949 [S. 1479] [Public Law 431]

To discontinue the operation of village delivery service in second-class post offices, to transfer village carriers in such offices to the city delivery service, and for other purposes.

Village delivery service.

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37 Stat. 559.

Discontinuance of delivery service in second-class post offices.

Oity delivery service.

Salary grades.

Leave credit.

Restriction.

Effective date.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 9 of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, and for other purposes", approved August 24, 1912 (U. S. C., title 39, sec. 153), is amended by striking out the words "second or".

Sec. 2. The operation by the Post Office Department of village

SEC. 2. The operation by the Post Office Department of village delivery service in second-class post offices shall be discontinued. All such post offices, which on the effective date of this Act have village delivery service, shall hereafter have city delivery service and all carriers of the village delivery service in such offices shall be classified as carriers in the city delivery service in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. (a) In assigning carriers in the village delivery service to salary grades in the city delivery service, each village carrier shall be assigned to the lowest grade provided for regular positions in the city delivery service. Each such carrier shall retain credit in his position in the city delivery service for all annual and sick leave which he has accrued and for compensatory time off due for service performed.

(b) No village carrier transferred to the city delivery service by this Act shall, by reason of such transfer, be entitled to any additional compensation for services performed prior to the effective date of this

Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect on the first day of the first calendar month following the date of enactment.

Approved October 29, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 785]

## AN ACT

October 29, 1949 [S. 1825] [Public Law 432]

To amend the Postal Pay Act of 1945, approved July 6, 1945, so as to provide promotions for temporary employees of the mail equipment shops.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Postal Pay Act of United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection

(f) of section 18 of the Act entitled "An Act to reclassify the salaries of postmasters, officers, and employees of the Postal Service; to establish uniform procedures for computing compensation; and for other purposes", approved July 6, 1945, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(f) Each temporary employee in the mail equipment shops paid on an annual basis shall be paid at the rate of pay of the lowest grade provided for a regular employee in the same type of position in which such temporary employee is employed, and shall, at the beginning of the quarter following the completion of one year's satisfactory service in each pay status, be advanced successively to the rates of pay of the next higher grade of such position: *Provided*, That no temporary employee shall be paid at a rate higher than that provided herein for the highest automatic grade of the position in which he is employed: Provided further, That when a temporary employee is appointed to a regular position in the mail equipment shops, the employee shall be assigned to a salary grade corresponding to his salary as a temporary employee at the time of such appointment. Any fractional part of a year's temporary service accumulated since the last compensation increase as a temporary shall be included with the regular service of a regular employee in determining eligibility for promotion to the next higher grade following appointment to a regular position."

SEC. 2. Any period of continuous satisfactory service as a temporary employee in the mail equipment shops performed by any such temporary employee prior to the effective date of this Act shall be creditable for a promotion to the rate of pay of the second grade provided for a regular employee in the same type of position in which

such temporary employee is employed.

SEC. 3. This Act shall become effective at the beginning of the quarter following the date of enactment.

Approved October 29, 1949.

[CHAPTER 786]

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Farm Loan Act, as amended, to authorize loans through national farm-loan associations in Puerto Rico; to modify the limitations on Federal land-bank loans to any one borrower; to repeal provisions for subscriptions to paid-in surplus of Federal land banks and cover the entire amount appropriated therefor into the surplus fund of the Treasury; to effect certain economies in reporting and recording payments on mortgages deposited with the registrars as bond collateral, and canceling the mortgage and satisfying and discharging the lien of record; and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) section 4 of the Federal Farm Loan Act, as amended (title 12, U. S. C. 672), is hereby further amended by adding a new paragraph to said section immediately following the second paragraph thereof to read as follows:

"Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, loans may be made in Puerto Rico and Alaska through national farm-loan associations, and the interest rate applicable to such loans shall be as provided in section 12 of this Act. Said associations shall be organized pursuant to section 7 of this Act, except that, upon the recommendation of the Federal land bank concerned, any such national farm-loan association may be organized by ten or more borrowers who have obtained direct loans through a branch bank which aggregate not less than \$20,000, and who reside in a locality which may be covered and served conveniently by the charter of a national farm-loan association and any

59 Stat. 458. 39 U. S. C. § 868 (f).

Mail equipment shops.
Promotion of temporary employee.

Limitation.

Appointment to regular position.

Creditable service.

Effective dates

October 29, 1949 [H. R. 3699] [Public Law 433]

Federal Farm Loan Act, amendments. 39 Stat. 362.

Loans in Puerto Rico and Alaska.

39 Stat. 370. 12 U. S. C. §§ 771, 772. Post, p. 986. 39 Stat. 365. 12 U. S. C. §§ 711– 723. Post, p. 986.